

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL  
FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al }  
vs }  
ARAKI, Sadao, et al }  
} AFFIDAVIT

DEPONENT: MATSUYAMA, Tsunejiro

I, MATSUYAMA, Tsunejiro, make oath and say as follows:

I live at 835 Sendagaya 5-Chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo. I am an agriculturist by occupation and am a permanent member of the Nippon Iirisutokyo-Dan (The Japan Christian Association), an elder of the Reinenzaka Church, and Chairman of the committee for building up Christian settlements in Hokkaido.

Since 1920 I have been elected a member of the House of Representatives seven times, during which I was a Parliamentary Councillor for the Overseas Affairs Minister and the Vice Minister of the Navy.

As General ARAKI and I hail from the same district, we were familiar with each other on that account. From the time when he was Minister of War and I a member of Parliament, we became more intimate.

Later we associated with each other more intimately through HIBIKI, Shinryo who was our senior from the same native district and who devoted his later life to Christian mission work.

Let me speak of Mr. ARAKI's attitude toward religion. Some people said he was narrow-minded and stubborn in his earnest defense of the national structure, but it was a great mistake. He attached importance to the fact that the moral of our national constitution was much in conformity with the law of nature and emphasized that the KODO (The Imperial Way) would reject any suppression or coercion. From his spiritual point of view he was especially earnest in defending religion. Though he and his family were adherents to Buddhism, he made no discrimination about sects of religion. His fundamental conception of piety and religion was that piety towards God was the common idea of all mankind while religion was the way in which man served God. Therefore, concerning religion he had a fair attitude that freedom of religion should be guaranteed to any man at any place.

Old HIBIKI, Shinryo and I made a plan to propagate Christianity abroad, that is, in Korea and Manchuria. Mr. ARAKI afforded us hearty assistance from the beginning to the end. He wrote a letter of introduction to the South Manchuria Railway for us. It enabled us to get a church building at Mukden. I am still thankful for it.

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From my knowledge of him while I was a Diet Member, his policies and opinions were sound and moderate. But he firmly stood for justice. He made perfection of character the first requisite, always insisting on the importance of sincerity and gratitude in international as well as domestic affairs. On that account, however, some people were dissatisfied with him, and many abuses were directed upon him, to which, however, he paid little attention saying that justice would prevail after all. But this appears to have affected adversely his political career.

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MATSUYAMA, Tsunejiro

Subscribed and sworn to before the under-signed officer by the above-named MATSUYAMA, Tsunejiro, at the War Ministry Building, Tokyo, Japan, on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August 1947.

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荒木貞六其他

宣誓供述書

供述者 松山常次郎

自分義國二行ハルル方式ニ從ヒ先ヅ別紙ノ通り宣誓  
ヲ爲シタル上次ノ如ク供述致シマス。

一 私ハ松山常次郎ト申シマス。現在東京都澀谷區  
千駄谷五丁目八三五番地ニ住ンテ居リマス。  
職業ハ農場經營ヲ致シテ居リマス。又日本基督  
教日信徒議員、盤浦坂牧會長迄、北海道基督村宣  
教委員長ヲ歴シテ居リマス。

一 私ハ大正九年以來衆議院議員當選七回、其間外  
務省員官及ヒ海軍歐美次官ヲ歴シマシタ。

一 私ト荒木大尉トノ關係ハ源氣ノ故故關係テ感意  
テアリ又私ハ代議士トク六尉公陸軍大臣トシテ  
ノ時ヨリ別感テアリマシタ。

其後源氣ノ先聲ニテ基督教傳導ニ幾年努力シテ  
居タ日匹信光氏ヲ遇シテ一見慕シク交際シテ居

マシタ。

一 宗教ニ對スル荒木氏ノ態度ニ驚イテ申シマスレバ世間テハ同氏ハ國体護持ニ忠心ノ餘リ偏執テ頑固ノ様ニ云フ者モアルガナル誤テアル。同氏ハ我國体ノ教ヘハ區メテ自然ノ理法ニ合シ居ル點ヲ大切ナ事トシ茲追トカ無理トカハ皇道テナイト強調シ侍ニ精神上ヨリ宗教保護ニハ忠心テ彼自身ノ家ハ佛教テアルガ何等差別ノ考ヘラ有セズ敬神ト宗教トノ根本理念ニ驚イテモ敬神ヘ一貫シタ人類ノ通念テアリ宗教ハ神ニ仕ヘルノ道テ東西南北何レヨリスルモ各人ノ信仰ニ任スベオモノトサレテ仁メテ公平ナ態度テアリマシタ。

一 自分ハ日匹信亮翁ト共ニ外島ニ滞留敬布教ノ許章ヲ得テ朝鮮、滿洲ヘノ布教ノ許章シタガ荒木氏ハ終始忠心ニ援助ヲ與ヘラレ滿鐵等ヘモ自ラ手紙ヲ認メテクレ真爲メ奉天ニ於ケル敬倉堂ノ家屋八手モ出來タ様ナ次第テ今モ感謝シテ居ル。

一 代議士トシテ自分ノ知ル範囲テハ政黨モ所論モ謹慎テ正義ニハ非常ニ強調ナ態度ヲ取ルガ内外ニ對シ常に信義ヲ重ンジ忠義ニ報ユベキヲ説キ人情ノ達成ヲ第一義トセラレテ居タ。其爲メニ一部カラ猿ラズストセラレテ居タ。俗論ノ中傷モ

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シト捨テ、僵カレタ、從ツテ政治的ニハ區分壊  
ヲサレテ后タ様テアル。

昭和二十二年（一九四七年）三月十二日於

道谷區千駄ヶ谷五丁目八三五番地

供述者 桑山常次郎 印

右ハ當立倉人ノ面前ニテ宣誓シ且ツ署名捺印シタ  
ルコトヲ證明シマス。

同日 於同所

立倉人 桑原常 印

宣 誓 証

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（捺印） 桑山常次郎 印